

GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROCEDURES 2017-18

1. Earning 15 approved quarter credits make a staff member eligible for a lane change. (1.0 semester credit X 1.5 = 1.5 quarter credits) Transfers can be made at the beginning of each quarter.
2. To change lanes, the staff member must obtain and submit an "Intent to Change Lane" form on or before the cut off date for the time of the proposed change. These forms are available from your building principal's office or Professional Growth Committee members. There is no penalty for failing to fulfill the stated intent; however, without such intent, no lane change will be granted. If you fail to qualify by the stated time, you must indicate your desire to continue your request with your building representative by the scheduled due date or it will lapse. In that case, you must refile at a later date. Intent forms are due September (see reverse side for specific due dates) for a second quarter change; October for a third quarter change; January for a fourth quarter change; and May for a Fall lane change.
3. Transcripts are necessary as final evidence of college credit; however, grade slips are temporarily acceptable for initiating lane changes. You will not receive a salary advancement for the Fall lane change unless an indication of course completion (grade slips or transcripts) is submitted by September. Transcripts are due by October for a Fall lane change. Second quarter grade slips are due October, and transcripts are due January. Third quarter grade slips are due January, and transcripts are due March. Fourth quarter grade slips are due March, and transcripts for those who have achieved "B" status are due May.
4. If you are unsure whether a course will be acceptable according to the criteria of XX, Section 4 of the Master Contract, see your building representative. If doubt still exists, submit a "Prior Approval of Course" form to the Professional Growth Committee via the rep.
5. No more than 4 local credits can apply to a given lane change, except as noted in Section 4, paragraph C6 of Article XX of the Master Contract. The number of local credits must be determined before the course or workshop is offered or travel undertaken. If prior approval is not obtained, local credit may be denied. No more than a career total of 6 credits for travel shall be allowed for any individual teacher. A certificate of approval will be issued for all approved local credits, and members are required to place them in their personal files.
6. Each staff member's professional growth file is maintained in the building where the staff member works or has his or her "home base". However, only copies of transcripts will be maintained in building files. All official transcripts will be stored in district personnel files. It is the responsibility of each staff member to keep an updated file.
7. Each staff member changing lanes is responsible for filling out the Professional Growth Data Sheet. As class work is completed, enter the information and place the grade slip or copy in the file.
8. Regular committee meetings are held in September, November, January, April, and May. Each meeting is followed by the printing and distributing of the minutes of the meeting. Read them. They are the mainstay of communication between the committee and the rest of the staff.
9. The Professional Growth Committee requests that all staff become familiar with the contents of the Professional Growth Program (Article XX) of the Master Contract.
10. Keep an updated duplicate file at home.

2017-18 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH DEADLINE-DUE DATES

Friday, September 8, 2017	first quarter grade slips due second quarter intents due	("B" status) ("C" status)
Friday, October 27, 2017	first quarter transcripts due second quarter grade slips due third quarter intents due	("A" status) ("B" status) ("C" status)
Friday, January 19, 2018	second quarter transcripts due third quarter grade slips due fourth quarter intents due	("A" status) ("B" status) ("C" status)
Friday, March 16, 2018	third quarter transcripts due fourth quarter grade slips due	("A" status) ("B" status)
Friday, May 11, 2018	first quarter 2018 intents due	("C" status)
September __, 2018	first quarter grade slips due second quarter intents due	("B" status) ("C" status)

2017-18 BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

BRIDGEWATER:	Brenda Hand, Sarah DeVries, Gail Kohl
GREENVALE PARK:	Sari Zach, Briana Bulfer
SIBLEY:	Anita Sasse, Lydia Tilstra
MIDDLE SCHOOL:	John Bade, Jane Weiland
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:	Mark Auge, Michelle Bauer
ALC/LONGFELLOW:	Cheryl Mathison

2017-18 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH DATES FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS

These Wednesday meetings are at 3:45 at Greenvale Park Elementary School (room 134).

September 12, 2017	October 31, 2017	January 23, 2018
March 20, 2018	May 15, 2018	

Lane change intent forms are available on the district website:

"Teachers & Staff"

"Human Resources"

"Internal HR Documents"

Under the section "Employment and Personnel Change Forms" click on

"Application for Lane Change (PGC1)" also available

"Pro Growth Committee Guidelines 2017-18"